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Following information was obtained from Orest NOVAKIVSKY, member of a tourist group of Ukrainian Canadians, who visited Ukraine from 13 July to 3 Aug 1967. NOVAKIVSKY is 20 years old, student, single, resident of Toronto, Canadian citizen. A full report on his trip will be submitted separately.

Ternopil
1. On 25 or 26 July 1967 Source went from Lvov to ~~UNNAMED~~ by train. About ~~10-15 km~~ ^{15-20 minutes} from Lvov, on the left side (east of tracks) Source noticed a complex of barracks or rather one and two store buildings, and a row of towers, as outlined on the sketch. Together with him in the train was an engineer of Prague, CSR, and a group of Soviet technicians (about 15 altogether as he was told). They talked among themselves about the object and according to what was said this was a short wave Radio Station. According to one of the technicians its designation was to broadcast in English and other languages to the West. When Source was later on in TERNOPIL and mentioned the Radio Station, he was told by his relatives that this was a jam station. The Station was ready, it took two years to build it, as he was told by someone in the train. See sketch.

2. From 21 to 25 (or 26) July, 1967 Source stayed in Lvov. There he met a young Ukrainian student, aged 24, (name and address available) who recently had been discharged from the Army where he served with Signal units. He is single, 3 months ago came from the army, served in the Far East and "south of Vladivostok". In 1963 served in TBILISI. 1947-1956 spent in Siberia with his deported parents in TOMSK Area.

Following information was obtained from the Ukrainian student:

a/ In 1963 while he was stationed in TBILISI, there took place an anti-Russian demonstration of Georgians, mainly students and other youngsters. They protested against Russification of Georgian schools and "their life in general". It came to bloody clashes with militia. On this occasion all military units were ~~were~~ put on some sort of alert. "Anyway, at least my unit was" - he added when Source wanted to know something more about the demonstration. His acquaintance could not tell him much more because as he said at that time no one from his unit was allowed to visit

the city.

b/ According to the student there are nowadays many different youth groups ~~xxx~~ in West and East Ukraine , who use to get together, read zakhalyavna and other forbiddin literature , discuss various problems. When asked whether he heard anything about Tryzubivtsi, the student replied that this group was active in Lvov in late 1950's but at present there was nothing heard about it. "Somehow it faded away". " But there are those other 'illegal' groups who are mainly concerned with cultural , historical, and language problems". "Their main purpose is to defend Ukrainian nation against Russification".

c/ When asked, the student replied that he himself did not belong to any of those groups but he had friends there. The student asked Source to correspond with him and to send information about emigres' achievements in the West and other material on history and culture of Ukrainian people. He explained that he and his friends urgently need historical and other materials which cannot be obtained in the Ukraine. Sensitive material Source could send in books or pictures (glued "inbetween") The student wanted also to knwo whether Source was a ham (amateur radio operator) because he himself had friends who were and who could communicate with Source in the future. Source is not a ham but promised to look into "this possibility". According to the Student his friends could pick up broadcasts from abroad and then disseminate thme on the spot.

d/ While the student served with the army "south of Vladivostok" some of his friends got into radio-contact with some American station. This was soon discovered by the Sovs and though they did not find out who exactly had this contact, they transferred the whole unit at one to another area.

e/ The student was very much interested in Ukrainian activities abroad and asked Source what the emigration would do in case of war or internal turmoils in the Soviet Union , to help their compatriots in the Ukraine.

f/ According to the student TERNOPIL has reputation of "a nationalist city". He used the term nationalist or banderovsky.

3. While in Lvov Source saw one day a delta-shaped craft. In his opinion it was somewhat different than MIG 23. (Source is an amateur-student of aircrafts.) He saw ^{only} one plane in the air.

4. Source's relatives in TERNOPOL confirmed the arrests and trials of 1965/66, and told him that in Sept 1966 about 20 students had been arrested in Lvov Polytechnical Institute, again.

There were also rumors that starting September 1967 a new wave of arrests and general persecutaion was to be expected.

5. In Ternopol Sourde was told that recently many young people were drafted into army and most of them sent to Chinese border. Source was also told that if there hadn't been ^{recent} internal turmoils in China, the Soviet Union might have been already on the eve of war with Peking. "One way or another, sooner or later" it will come to war between China and the Soviet Union, and then there will ^{be} ~~be~~ turmoil and revolution in all Soviet republics, incl. Russia itself. This was how people were speculating in Ternopol on Soviet-Chinese conflict.

6. In Kiev Source was told by a young engineer that because of canal-connections of Dnipro River with the Baltic Sea, the water level in Dnipro fell remarkably down. The engineer used the expression : " They take away water from Dnipro to the Baltic." He also told Source that at present a new hydro-electric station is being built near KANEV on Dnipro River.

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7. Among the people Source met in the Ukraine the attitude to Arab-Israeli conflict was mostly neutral ("this is not our business") or slightly pro-Arab.

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SKETCH # 1
(NO SCALE)

Barracks or rather buildings

Wire fence

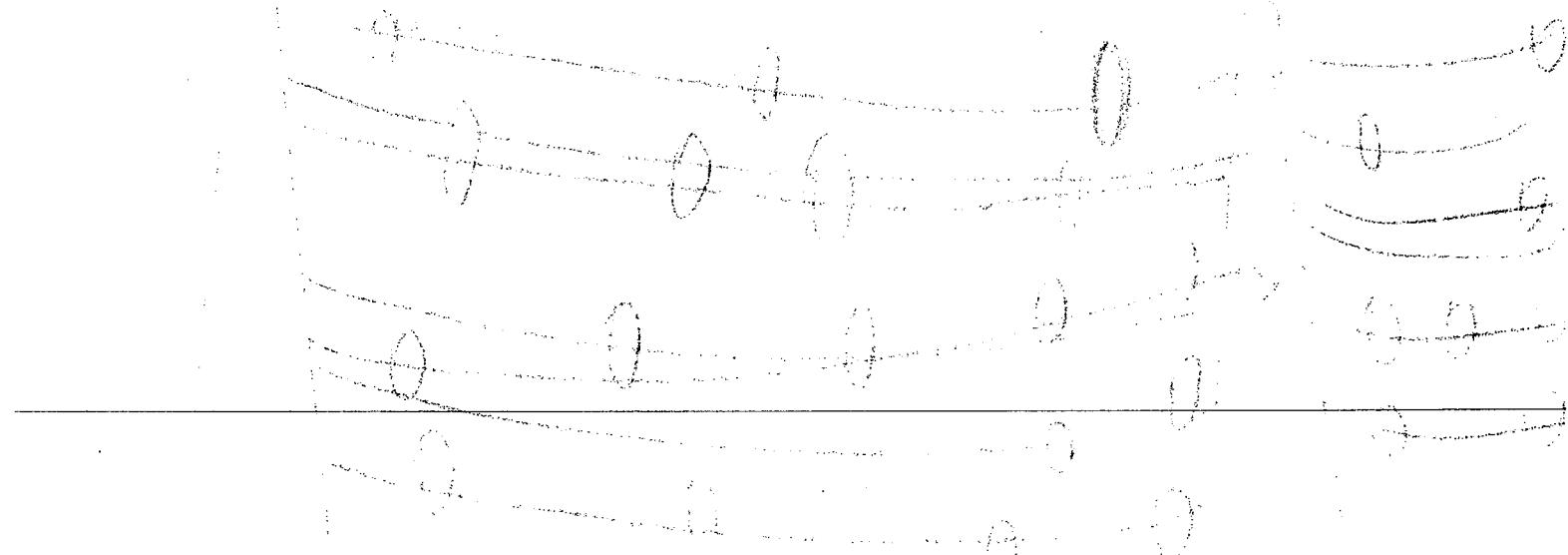
RRoad

about 20 towers
(See sketch # 2)

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SKETCH # 2

This is what approx. the towers and wires with "discs" looked like to Source:



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